



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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Dr. Joseph A. Lannon
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Dear Dr. Lannon:

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has asked me to pass you and your team his congratulations on winning the 2007 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in the nonprofit category (enclosure).

On behalf of the Army, thank you for a job well done! This award demonstrates your outstanding ability to develop and implement your organization's vision and program goals to a high level of effectiveness. Please pass along my thanks, along with those from Secretary Gates, to your team for their outstanding work.

Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



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